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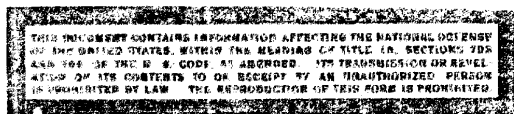
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1. Petroleum borings were under way on the Grosser Fallstein near Osterwieck, west of Huy, Magdeburg district, where salt deposits had been discovered. Experts acquainted with the geological conditions in this area believed that good results could be expected. Definitive information was, however, not available.
2. It was scheduled to resume the petroleum production in Volckenroda-Poethen-Erfurt district, by means of underground borings from existing potassium shafts. In about 1930, the petroleum production in this region amounted to 25 percent of the total German petroleum production; it was stopped later when it was no longer profitable. It was scheduled to be resumed by means of new pumping plants with no regard to profitableness.
3. Other natural gas and petroleum borings were made on both sides of the Erfurter Staerung, on Ettersberg near Weimar, and on Fahnersche Hoehe, north-west of Erfurt, Erfurt District. They were anticipated to be successful for natural gas while there were doubts as to the occurrence of petroleum.
4. Source was unable to identify whether the deep borings near Ruedersdorf, east of Berlin, which were scheduled to go down to the carboniferous level, and had reached a depth of 2,500 meters with a stone salt stratum were intended only to explore this rock salt stratum or had other aims, too.
5. Source stated that natural gas was produced near Kirchenheiligen, north of Langensalza and was supplied to Langensalza town.

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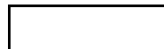
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7. The Fallstein 1 borehole was said to produce 1 ton per day or about 350 tons per year the production being processed in Luetzkendorf.
8. Borings were also made in the Werle and Waliss structures in the Ludwigslust districts in Mecklenburg which had already been discovered by the geophysical surveying work of the former Reichsanstalt fuer Bodenerforschung (Reich office for exploring wealth underground).
9. Borings were started near Ieckensee in the Altmark by the Peckensee VEB.
10. Natural gas was again discovered in the Langensalza 4 shaft.
11. All boring plants were technically controlled by the Staatliche Geologische Kommission at 44 Invalidenstrasse, Berlin N 4 (State Geological Commission).

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